

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Claim 22 has been amended. Claims 22 and 25-35 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 22, 23 and 25-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) on the grounds of anticipation by Wallace et al. Claim 22 has been amended to recite a second portion extending outwardly from the first portion in its second configuration and having "a second operable, coiled shape with a plurality of helical loops for filling and reinforcing the three dimensional shaped portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature to be treated." The Examiner identified a second portion of the coil 720 of Wallace et al. as a coil portion outside of an inner cube shaped portion of the coil 720.

Claim 22 recites that the second portion extending outwardly from the first portion is provided for filling and reinforcing the three dimensional shaped portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature to be treated. It can not be seen from Wallace et al. how the portion of the coil 720 of Wallace et al. identified by the Examiner as the second portion of the coil 720 would fill and reinforce the portion identified by the Examiner as the first portion of the coil 720, and the disclosure of Wallace et al. at column 8, lines 58-63 relating to Figs. 17A and 17B of Wallace et al. does not describe a second portion of the coil 720 as filling and reinforcing the first portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature to be treated. In order to clarify this difference between the invention claimed and the

disclosure of Wallace et al., Claim 22 has been amended to recite a second operable, coiled shape with a plurality of helical loops for filling and reinforcing the three dimensional shaped portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature to be treated. Support for this amendment can be found in Fig. 3B showing the plurality of helical loops in the portion 9', and in the specification at page 9, lines 12-16. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 22 and 25-35 are novel and inventive over Wallace et al., and that the rejection of Claims 22, 23 and 25-35 on the grounds of anticipation by Wallace et al. should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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